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EDITORIAL

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages

NOTES AND COMMENTS

We learn that Dr. J. S. Hutchinson, of Vicksburg, is giving his people a series of Sunday evening sermons on "The Seven Churches of Asia." The Doctor is said to be at his best, and that the interest in the discourses is up to a high point. The subjects are full of practical Christianity, and when discussed by such a master of interpretation, eloquence cannot fail to produce profound impressions.

THE catalogue of Mississippi College for 1896-7 is already out, and is the fullest we have ever seen. It puts the whole matter of the institution before the people in the clearest light.

A range of studies, time, conditions, rates and whatever pertains to a first-class school. It shows very much to the point that there is the place for Mississippi Baptist boys to be educated, and we urge all who contemplate going off to school to send for a catalogue.

If one hundred of the one thousand subscribers to THE BAPTIST RECORD who are behind with their dues to the paper would send us one year's subscription (\$1.50) within the next ten days we would be happy. Come now, brethren, we need the money right now, and we have no doubt lots of you have it and could spare it without inconvenience. Do it, brethren, and you as well as we will feel better.

A PRIVATE note from our old friend and brother, Dr. J. N. Denson, of Tuscola, has good things to say about the late visit and preaching of Brethren J. F. Hailey and C. G. Elliott at Lena. He also corroborates Bro. T. J. Moore's account of the blessed revival at Harpersville, with Bro. J. F. Hailey as the preacher. It was with peculiar pleasure that we learned from the same source that Bro. Denson's youngest son, our namesake, Charley Hackett Denson, now 15 years old, was one of the converts at the Harpersville meeting. We join our brother in thanksgiving to God for His great grace, and trust that the dear boy may become a bright and shining light for the Master's glory.

OUR HOME WORK NOW.

Now, brethren, that the great Convention with all of its immediate demands upon us is past, and we have had time to catch our breath and take our reckoning, let us proceed to betake ourselves to our own immediate State work. We have from now until the middle of July, when our State Convention meets, to do our best lifting for our State Board and the great enterprises it represents. There is the State mission work, *per se*, that of ministerial education and the college. All of these need immediate attention, for they have been well nigh neglected while we were doing such earnest work for the Home and Foreign Boards. Our State missionaries have done, and are doing, much of the best work of their lives, and probably the Board is further behind with them than ever before. We know how it is with some of them, and judge that they are all faring alike. Brother Rowe and the Board have done their best and have done well, but with the general work pressing so hard on them after which they have had to look, they have had to leave this comparatively alone. But "who now is on the Lord's side" to come up to His help in this emergency? Is not every Baptist in Mississippi in that crowd? Then let us gird up our loins and move at once to the front, and with our prayers, our words and our contributions do our part in meeting the demand upon us. We ought not to think for a moment of allowing our Secretary and Board to go to the convention with a debt. If every one who can, will help, the thing will be done. *All can; then will not all lay to and help?*

We are glad of a kindly word from our brother, Dr. E. A. Taylor, of the First church, Memphis. Mississippi Baptists will always hold Bro. Taylor in appreciative remembrance and rejoice in his prosperity. Baptist matters are fully alive in that progressive city, and they are hopeful for much good to come from their "out-post" movement. The Sunday School of the First church has a splendid "mission method." They have adopted the plan of giving one month in each quarter to missions, and closing the month with special missionary exercises. The experiment was a noble success, giving thirty dollars and a fine additional interest created. Why may not many other Sunday Schools adopt a similar plan. Bro. Taylor and his people and all Memphis Baptists have our best wishes.

We greatly sympathize with Bro. J. R. Johnston, of Steen's Creek, in the death of his mother. The dear, good saint came to the end of her earthly pilgrimage on the 19th of April last, and went home to be with the Savior, whom she had so long loved and served. May all needed grace and consolation be given our brother and all of the bereaved ones for the great trial, and in God's good time a joyful meeting in the blessed beyond.

OUR FIELD GLASS.

We are sad to note the sudden death of Sister Allen, one of the aged members of the Senatobia church. She had been in frail health for some years, but still when the end came it was a shock to all the family. She leaves a single daughter and four sons, all of mature years, and two of the sons have families. May children and grandchildren find grace to help in time of need. We sympathize deeply with Bro. P. W. Lanier and wife in the recent distressing death of their infant child. Though having been with them but a comparatively short time, yet the tendrils of their hearts had wound themselves lovingly about the little one. May they too find grace for this time of need.

Well, the Field Glass man writes this time from Jackson. But having been so much engaged with business details for a few days, only a few members of the Jackson church have been seen. We called for a few minutes to see the beloved pastor, Bro. Sproule, and his excellent wife. On account of past unpleasant experience with *la grippe*, the bishop felt it would be imprudent to take in the Wilmington Convention. He and his people have had a great meeting during the stay of Rev. Geo. Simmons, of Jackson, Tenn., as has been mentioned in THE RECORD. Forty baptisms and some good members by letter, and since the close of the meeting three other good members have joined by letter. We have also met Sister A. E. B. and her family.

enterprising hardware man and president of the Jackson Bank; Bro. T. O. Byrd, the popular proprietor of the "Green Tree" House; Bro. W. D. Ratliff, the enterprising wholesale grocery man; Bro. W. W. Morrison, who is also a prosperous wholesale grocer; Dr. Fulgham, the West Jackson druggist; and Bro. J. A. Campbell, one of the proprietors of the *Patent Publishing Company*. These all express the warmest sympathy with our infant enterprise, and purpose to help in sustaining it. Some of them have already made contributions to the work. One of them, a very busy man, wrote a card and put it in the mail, inviting us to call at his place of business, and when there, handed us a contribution and said very heartily, "there's more to follow." The Legislature of the State is here in a considerable majority. The all-absorbing question is "the new Capitol building." With this question our Solons are now struggling. The Senate seems immovably fixed in its purpose to have the new building on the site of the penitentiary. The House wishes to hold on to the present site; and the opposition is advocating the rehabilitation of the old building. In the meanwhile West Jackson has raised a fund of \$20,000 and invited the Legislature to compromise by placing the new building in West Jackson on any site the body may choose, and they will buy the location and donate it to the State. There are some first-class Baptists in the Legisla-

ture. We have met and learned of Rev. N. Q. Adams, of the Senate, and Hon. J. F. McCool, Speaker of the House; Dr. E. A. Rowan, Brethren J. L. Buckley, W. H. Hardy, Judge Wood, L. F. Rainwater, and other Baptists who are here, members of this honorable body. On the 12th, Mrs. Mollie D. Hunter, our Orphanage matron, and her two sons, reached Jackson and are now in the home, which will be temporarily the Orphanage. She will make an excellent matron. She is a lady of good judgment and of excellent qualities of head and heart, and has an admirable tact for getting along with children. She is from Longtown, Panola county. We are now ready to receive any destitute orphan children, of any denomination or nationality, who need the charities of good people. But as it is not an infirmary or house of correction, we could not receive children who are suffering with chronic or inherited disease, or children who are incorrigibly bad. All others we will receive, if they have no relative who can or will care for them, of any faith or nationality, if they are destitute. No child should be sent, however, without previous correspondence with L. S. Foster, Box 38, Jackson, Miss. We believe that as rapidly as God places in our hands the children, he will move his people to support them. This is, and has been, our unflinching trust for these five years that the work has been resting upon our heart. It was our pleasure to meet for a few minutes at the de-

return from the Southern Baptist Convention. Prof. Aven was in to meet her, and they at once left in a buggy for their home at Clinton. Sister Aven represented the Woman's Work of Mississippi in the W. M. U. of the South. More and more each year are these Woman's Societies becoming an element of power in our home and foreign work. Our Ladies Aid and Mission Societies are most helpful in the work here. The Aid Society paid \$300 or more on the new church building, \$40 on the gas machine, and contributes to almost every other department of home work. The Society meets each Monday afternoon, at the home of Sister Merriweather generally, and spend the afternoon in work of some kind, which they sell, besides the payment of regular monthly dues. The pastor usually meets with them a part of the afternoon, and there is generally an earnest band of workers. May God ever bless and be with our good Christian women in their labors. Orphanage receipts are: Mrs. Annie E. Porter, \$1; Macon Sunday School, \$5; Hickory Grove, \$1.25; J. L. Low, \$1; Mrs. Lucia Crawford, 50c; Dr. L. M. and Mrs. M. M. Dampier, \$5; Hopewell church (Arkabutla), \$5.25; Mrs. M. E. Dodds, \$5; J. A. P. Campbell, Jr., \$2. May blessings be upon these givers and their gifts.

We observe that Bro. J. F. Bynum has become associate editor of the *Meridian City Record*, of Wiggins, Miss. We wish the new enterprise well.

State Missions.

Let no one fear that the great mission-tidal wave that has gone over our State has spent its force. The fact that we have done well is only an earnest of what we may do. Brother pastor, lay your plans for another effort. Make it a supreme effort. Give every member both in public and in private opportunity to help. Aim to get a contribution from each member of the church and Sunday School. Some of the B Y P U people have already been heard from. May we not hear from more of them in the effort now before us.

Help, brethren and sisters, help us to go to the Convention in July with a clear balance. Help to make this the greatest year in our State Mission work, as you helped to make it the greatest in our Foreign and Home Mission work. "Honor the Lord with thy substance." If you need collection envelopes I shall be glad to supply them.

Yours in hope,
A. V. ROWE.

ONE newspaper reports the Whitsitt incident at the Wilmington Convention under the head of, "Dr. Whitsitt Vindicated," and another puts it thus, "Dr. Whitsitt Recants." Well, whatever in the kingdom is it? We have looked in vain for some explanation. So far we can see it was the laborious boring of an agreement to "hush-up," based upon a rather roseate pledge of loyalty to the Baptist faith by the Board of Trustees, and a not very elaborate apologetical letter from Dr. Whitsitt, together

doubtful quality. "Where are we at?"

WE are glad to hear good news from the pastorate of Bro. J. F. Hailey, who presides at Shuqualak and Crawford. Besides a decidedly improved outlook and hopeful future, the good people are showing their appreciation for him in a very substantial way. Some is fully and beautifully shown in the following clipping from one of the county papers:

"There being a disposition to show the pastor of Shuqualak, Rev. J. F. Hailey, unusual honors by way of compliments and presents, it was suggested to interview him as to his charge at Crawford. Upon solicitation he disclosed the situation somewhat as follows: The church has raised his salary. He has been presented with gifts too numerous to mention in full. Among other things he mentions a half morocco Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, a fine pair of link cuff buttons, \$5, \$10, \$25, two pair of fine patent leather shoes, two other pair for Mrs. Hailey. This speaks well when it is remembered that the gentleman is little more than a year old as a pastor, having spent his life in the school-room. The Shuqualak Baptist church has also very kindly remembered its pastor in the past; and has very recently presented him an elegant suit of clothes; not only its members, but many who are not members contributed very liberally towards this presentation.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

At Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m., Vice-President J. P. Eagle, called the Convention to order, and Dr. J. C. Hiden conducted the service, singing "Amazing Grace," and Dr. I. T. Tichenor, of Georgia, led in prayer. Minutes were read and approved. The report of G. W. Norton, treasurer of the Convention, was read and ordered printed.

President Harlan came in at this point and took the chair. Mr. George W. Norton, of Louisville, was elected treasurer, and Dr. W. P. Harvey, of Louisville, auditor of the Convention. Rev. P. Walker, colored, of Augusta, Ga., was introduced to the Convention, and said: "I am highly pleased and inexpressibly gratified to have this privilege. We are here representing the 1,000,000 negro Baptists, we believe in the one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

While I rejoice at your great work of giving the gospel to the heathen, I ask a portion for the negro. Nothing can lift us up from ignorance and crime as the gospel. We are doing what we can; we have a good school at Augusta for young men and women. Help the sons of Shem all you will, but don't forget the sons of Ham. I want to see the children of Shem, Ham and Japhet come together, the Chinaman as the children of Shem, the cultivated Caucasians as the children of Japhet and the humble negroes as the children of Ham. In the great march from judgment to glory we expect to be in line."

Rev. S. M. Provence spoke on "The Mission Work in Florida." "Our State," he said, "looks on the map like the end of the nation, but it is a large State. It is 300 miles from Pensacola to Jacksonville and 300 miles from Jacksonville to Key West, yet from Jacksonville to Pensacola there are only three churches that are preaching every Sunday. Tallahassee, where I preach, Madison City where Bro. Crochet is pastor, and Lake City without any pastor. In five miles of Tallahassee, the church has a pastor, who walks thirty miles to preach and gets \$14 a year for his services. We have three States in Florida all are mission fields."

Rev. E. O. Ware, of Louisiana, told of the work in his State. "I don't know why you put Florida and Louisiana together. We raise oranges like Florida, but our oranges are better; we beat the world raising cane, only one State surpasses us—Texas can raise more cane on any soil at any time than any other people can. We have all nations in Louisiana. Our retired missionary, Brother Eager, can preach to more Italians than he does in Italy; Brother Diaz could find thousands of Cubans; and there are multitudes of the children of Ham. We have 300,000 white people without the gospel. New Orleans is the greatest mission field. It has been called the Rome of America, it is also the Canton of America, it is a real heathen city, for 80,000 people there never enter a church."

Ex-Gov. Eagle, of Arkansas, spoke:

"State to ridicule, and I can assure you that in Arkansas we don't keep in fellowship any churches that practice infant baptism. For fourteen years our State Board has co-operated with your Home Board. We had then only three self-supporting churches with preaching every Sunday, many counties had no preaching. We have sent men to these places, have built up many self-sustaining churches and throughout the State immense advance has been made."

Rev. L. Wright, of the Indian Territory, said: "In the Indian Territory we have the same mission hindrances as in Florida and Louisiana—many anti-missionary people. The board has had a few missionaries at work for years and we are ahead of Texas; the Home Board gave Texas \$2,334 more than to the Indian Territory, yet we report more baptisms. We have many nations represented in the Indian Territory. We have a self-supporting Welsh Baptist church. Send mission money to Indian Territory and it will do most good."

Rev. A. V. Rowe, of Mississippi, spoke for his State: "Twenty-six years ago we began work among ourselves and helped other States, calling attention of the Home Board to Louisiana. Four years ago the Home Board gave us back \$1,500 of the funds we gave them. From that time we have had co-operative work. Our State mission funds have increased, home mission funds have grown five or six hundred dollars, and last year for foreign missions we gave \$1,300 more than was asked. So co-operative work helped us. We have two great mission fields: Papal Mississippi, along the Gulf coast, where the once little towns are becoming great resorts. We have done good work there. Bro. Hiden is now self-supporting. Our other mission field is in the Delta region from Vicksburg to Memphis. Our towns have been neglected, and we are changing our work and we are giving attention to them."

Rev. A. J. Holt, of Tennessee, spoke saying: "The work of the Home Mission Board is doing magnificent work there. We have sixty-three missionaries all aided by the Home Board, yet we have whole sections without the gospel. Only one other State, Texas, has such dimensions of needs. Tennessee seems small, but if it was flattened out it would cover much. Our work is progressing and the prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

Rev. J. E. White, of North Carolina, spoke on work among the colored people. "For two years," he said, "we have worked among the negroes, and it has been with great success. I have never found a negro infidel. We have advanced their foreign mission work. They will raise \$300 for African missions and \$2,000 was raised by their State missionaries, in addition to what the pastors will raise. Our work has produced great harmony among colored Baptists, and it has made us more religious."

Hon. Wm. Ellyson, of Virginia, told of the good work done among colored people in Virginia, and Rev. H. McDonald gave a glowing resume of the gratifying work of the Home Mission Board.

Adjournment with prayer by Dr. Campbell.

was devoted to consideration of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Montague, a dean of Washington University, read the report of the committee, which heartily endorsed the work of the Sunday School Board and commended it to stronger support, and especially its Bible work.

Ex-Governor Northern, of Georgia, spoke on the excellent business management, saying: "I never knew any business worth a cent that didn't have religion in it, nor any religion worth a cent that didn't have business in it. This Sunday School work of our Convention is the best business success of the age."

Dr. J. C. Hiden, of Virginia, commended the business methods of the Board, and made a plea for patronizing home people saying:

"I buy all I can in Richmond. I buy my clothes there; the tailor may drop some of my money back into the contribution box."

Mr. N. B. Broughton, of North Carolina, made an impressive plea for enlarged efforts for Sunday Schools. "There are," he said, "15,000,000 people in this nation between the ages of 5 and 21 years. This does not include Catholics. Yet there are only 10,000 in the Sunday Schools. Twenty-five per cent of all Baptist churches have no Sunday Schools. Fifty per cent of all the Sunday Schools are in session only five or six months in the year." In closing his earnest address he urged that special prayer be made for the Sunday School cause.

Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board, spoke with great pathos and feeling. "Held of the struggles made in the success of the

any financial sacrifice, but I have no sacrifices dearer than money, I am willing to keep on sacrificing all for this cause which is dearer to me than my life."

The report was unanimously adopted and the Convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by Vice-President Northern. After the devotional exercises the chairman introduced Rev. J. V. Cova the Baptist pastor of Havana, Cuba, at present a refugee on account of Spanish oppression. Mr. Cova spoke in somewhat defective language but with great effect, as follows:

"This Convention had better look after Texas; nowhere is there a more magnificent field. The Rio Grande separates Mexico from Texas. The river is small. I went over to Mexico to see how it would feel. I spent some time in El Paso. One evening I sat in my room resting. The private secretary of President Robinson, of the Mexican Railroad, came in to see me. He was a Baptist. The mightiest power to evangelize the republic of Mexico will roll over the Rio Grande from Texas."

Rev. R. A. Venable, of Mississippi, spoke, saying: "More than a year ago I promised Dr. Tichenor to make an address for him at Chattanooga. A sad bereavement called me home and I could not do as was desired. A few days ago I was asked to speak on this occasion and I am here to do so. I confess one of the most stubborn questions is how are we going to enlist our denomination as a whole in the work of evangelizing the world. The Baptist people are the most independent in the world. I was rocked in a Methodist cradle, joined the Methodist church, licensed to preach by the Methodist people. The sanctity of individualism came before me, it clamored for an answer. I found that it eliminated me from the Methodists. After awhile when the time came that I was a pastor, I found that there was more philosophy than practice of this individual responsibility to God. Each man, equally charged with the duty of evangelizing the world. I found a father getting up in church and subscribing for all the family. That was the same as my Methodist parent did for me in infancy. I found that my salary was

lutions of thanks were adopted with a will for the hospitality of Wilmington.

As the delegates sang the parting hymn and took the parting hand, tears flowed freely, and the Convention was unanimously voted one of the best, if not the very best, ever held in Southern Baptists. The adoption of the Whittist question, the wiping out of the debt of the Foreign Mission Board, the harmony that has pervaded the sessions and the enthusiasm developed for all the work of the Convention, have combined to make this an epoch in the history of the denomination.

A WIFE EQUAL TO A GOLD MINE.

Will some of your readers give me a good recipe for making cold starch? I am selling self-heating flatirons and iron a little at every house and have to use some starch at every place and want to know how to make a good cold starch. My husband was in debt and I being anxious to help him, thought I would self-heat flatirons and I am doing splendidly. A cent's worth of fuel will heat the iron for 8 hours, so you have a perfectly even heat. You can iron in half the time and no danger of scorching the clothes, as with the old iron, and you can get the most beautiful gloss. I sell at nearly every house, as the iron saves so much fuel, everybody wants one. I make \$1.50 on each iron and have not sold less than a day I worked. My brother is doing well and I think anyone can make lots of money anywhere selling irons. J. F. CASEY & CO., St. Louis, Mo., will start anyone in the business as they did me, if you will address them.

LAST DAY—MONDAY.

The Convention today concluded its session. Considerable business was transacted at the final meeting. The Convention will go to Norfolk, Va.

Dr. J. M. Frost, of Texas, Norfolk, Va.

ton, was chosen as preacher of the next Convention season, and Dr. J. J. Taylor, of Mobile, as alternate.

Rev. U. O. Rust, of Nashville, read a report on Woman's Work, and followed with a bright speech. Dr. M. B. Wharton and Dr. J. M. Frost made earnest speeches, in which they strongly commended the noble work of the Women's Missionary Union. Report on Papal and Pagan fields was discussed by Rev. H. S. Tupper, Rev. L. G. Broughton and Rev. J. H. Eager.

The following named brethren were elected Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.: W. W. Landrum and E. L. Connely, both of Atlanta; J. M. Millard, Baltimore; C. T. Ryland, Richmond; D. M. Ramsay, Charleston; and J. H. Tucker, Asheville.

A cablegram of congratulation from the mission at Rio was received.

The following reports relating to the Foreign Mission Board were read: Finances, by Rev. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas; Pagan fields, by Rev. J. L. Gross, of Georgia. Then followed earnest speeches on these reports by Rev. J. K. Pace, Dr. H. Allen Tupper, Jr., Rev. E. L. Tatum, missionary to China, and Rev. L. G. Broughton, of Roanoke.

A resolution to establish a mission in Palestine, with headquarters at Jerusalem, under the control of the Convention, was passed.

From Poplarville.

This is a quiet, healthy, intelligent community. A population of five hundred; two churches—Baptist and Methodist—with a membership of two hundred. This people, taking advantage of the Separate School District Law of 1892, incorporated nine sections of land in connection with the town corporation, and thus have established a first-class and successful high school, under the management of Prof. W. I. Thames, which is proving a wonderful benefaction to all South Mississippi and East Louisiana. Why may not every country town do likewise?

Rev. W. B. Holcomb is the beloved bishop of Poplarville, and is doing a blessed work for the Lord.

Great Opportunity, Great Responsibility.

The opportunity to endow Mississippi College is now before all the Baptists of Mississippi. The plan to get the names of 50,000 persons, male and female, who will give one or more dollars, as soon as they are informed that \$50,000 has been pledged to the endowment of Mississippi College. Just such an opportunity has never before been placed before all the Baptists of Mississippi.

This plan, so plain and so easy, imposes on all the Baptists of the State a great responsibility. If all will adopt the plan, and send up at once their names, the College is endowed and placed upon a solid foundation for years and generations to come. This responsibility rests upon every individual Baptist of the State, but more especially upon every individual pastor of the State. God says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," Hosea 4:6, and for this lack of knowledge he holds his own appointed ministers responsible; and says: "Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee (the priests as a body), that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." What a responsibility! which, neglected, brought such a judgment upon them and their children! Here is a lesson for ministers of the gospel. It appeals to every Baptist minister in the State.

Brother ministers, one and all, the opportunity is now before you to endow Mississippi College; and only a little work from you ministers, one and all, and the work is done, the college is endowed, the number of students to attend the College is doubled, and by a little more effort we can raise the endowment, so as to give free tuition to all students. Brother ministers, let us hear from you through the papers. Do you like the plan? Will you send up your names and the names of your wives and children, and get all the parents of your church and people to do the same?

Wishing you a very blessed meeting, I remain, dear brother, Yours in Christ, ECKARD UMBACH, Bay, Mo., April 24, 1897.

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Foreign Population.

In writing the report of the Home Mission Board for 1897 the following language was used: "This is a hard and difficult field. Minds that have been imbued with the erroneous doctrines and superstitions of a corrupt Christianity unfold themselves slowly under the Sun of righteousness, but the impressions they receive are enduring and their religion when matured by experience is of sturdy growth, and the fruit of their godly lives is cheering to behold. The liberality of our German churches is not less than fourfold greater than that of our English speaking people."

After this paragraph was written, and before the printer had it in type, the following letter was received by the Home Board from the pastor of a small German church in Missouri, which has been planted by the Board:

"Dear Brother Tichenor: Owing to the hard financial condition of the treasury of the Home Board, this church at its last business meeting adopted the following resolutions: 'That we pledge ourselves to raise within the first quarter of the beginning Conventional year at least \$50, besides our regular annual collections. 'That we at once inform the Board about this resolution, so that this amount may be counted in if a special collection for the Home Board should be taken at Wilmington. 'As we have started a subscription list right away I am glad to tell you that \$45.00 are signed already, and I hope that we will be able to send you \$60 instead of \$50 by the first of August. 'If the brethren could only do as they would, I am sure they would gladly give twice as much but high water of the Gasconade river has done so much damage in the last two years, that they are not able yet to do any more. 'We could be self-supporting now if it had not been for the great expenses of these years, and the destruction of property by the river floods. 'Wishing you a very blessed meeting, I remain, dear brother, Yours in Christ, ECKARD UMBACH, Bay, Mo., April 24, 1897."

Mr. Foster's Resignation.

Rev. L. S. Foster, who has for five years been pastor of the Baptist church at this place, tendered his resignation to his congregation Sunday morning and it was accepted. Dr. Foster has made very great advancement with the church affairs during his pastorate—adding many names to its roll, building a handsome house of worship, and leaving an unimpaired and an honorable, upright Christian gentleman, whose influence will live long after he has departed, and his amiable wife and family will carry the good wishes of everyone with them to their new home, which we understand will be in Jackson, Miss. Senobia, Miss., March 19. I can get a new \$600 outfit for \$500. Any amount from anybody gladly received.

A Good Showing.

The American Baptist Publication Society has had an extremely busy but very prosperous year. Its sales of books and periodicals exceed those of last year about \$45,000, making for the two last years an increase in sales of \$75,000. It has published during the year 122 new books, pamphlets and tracts, with an issue of 2,700,025 copies. The number of periodicals for the year amounts to 35,592,700, an increase of 1,153,500 copies over the previous year. The total number of issues for the year amounts to 41,649,078 copies. This does not include the books, tracts, etc., previously published, which we were obliged to reprint during the year on account of the fact that our stock had been entirely destroyed by the fire.

In the Missionary Department the society has largely increased its force at a considerable augmentation of expense, but it has decreased the deficit of last year about \$3,000, the actual deficit now being only \$117,424. More than the usual number of grants of periodical literature, Bibles, Minister's Libraries, etc., have been given to destitute Sunday

To the Editors of Mississippi.

This is the only direct appeal I ever expect to make to anyone for help in the enterprise of our orphanage work, and I beg you to give this an attentive hearing. We have been getting ready to open the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson for a month or two, and now we are here. We have purchased 112 acres of land known as the Hemingway Stock Farm and will soon build. The matter has been placed in my hands and I desire to have a small printing outfit to do the printing of the Orphanage and to publish a small sheet in the interest of the work as well as teach the children the art of printing. I wish the editors of Mississippi to help me in the purchase of this outfit. I therefore earnestly appeal to each editor and publisher in the State to send me a contribution of \$5.00 for this purpose. Every amount sent will be acknowledged in both THE RECORD and Layman, with gratitude. Will not you kindly send me a contribution for this object? May the kind Father incline you to do so. Yours sincerely, L. S. FOSTER, Senobia, Miss., March 19. I can get a new \$600 outfit for \$500. Any amount from anybody gladly received.

Mr. Foster's Resignation.

Rev. L. S. Foster, who has for five years been pastor of the Baptist church at this place, tendered his resignation to his congregation Sunday morning and it was accepted. Dr. Foster has made very great advancement with the church affairs during his pastorate—adding many names to its roll, building a handsome house of worship, and leaving an unimpaired and an honorable, upright Christian gentleman, whose influence will live long after he has departed, and his amiable wife and family will carry the good wishes of everyone with them to their new home, which we understand will be in Jackson, Miss. Senobia, Miss., March 19. I can get a new \$600 outfit for \$500. Any amount from anybody gladly received.

A Good Showing.

The American Baptist Publication Society has had an extremely busy but very prosperous year. Its sales of books and periodicals exceed those of last year about \$45,000, making for the two last years an increase in sales of \$75,000. It has published during the year 122 new books, pamphlets and tracts, with an issue of 2,700,025 copies. The number of periodicals for the year amounts to 35,592,700, an increase of 1,153,500 copies over the previous year. The total number of issues for the year amounts to 41,649,078 copies. This does not include the books, tracts, etc., previously published, which we were obliged to reprint during the year on account of the fact that our stock had been entirely destroyed by the fire.

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From Handsboro, Miss.

DEAR RECORD:—Since the last report I have received the following amounts toward the liquidation of the Bay St. Louis church debt, for all of which we are very thankful, and for all of which may the Lord richly reward the givers. We now have a committee appointed to raise money with which to pay for the painting of the church on the outside; after which we shall, if God will, seat the house and put on such other finishing touches as may be necessary, etc. But all this money we hope to raise "on the ground." When all shall be done we will have the neatest and best (Baptist) church-house on the Mississippi Gulf Coast—but only after six years of persistent work and earnest prayer: CONTRIBUTIONS.

New Orleans, Valence-St church, \$12 75
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New Orleans, Valence-St young girls, 1 85
New Orleans, Coliseum church, 25 50
New Orleans, Coliseum B Y P U, 10 00
New Orleans, First ch., 1 50
New Orleans friends, 15 00
Bay St. Louis church and friends, 51 75
Shuqualak church, 1 00
Pleasant Hill church, 1 85
Scranton church, 7 50
Escatawpa church, 5 00
Moss Point church, 5 65
Ocean Springs church, 3 00
Biloxi church and friends, 34 35
Fraternally,
J. J. W. MATHIS.

Help the Needy.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—We have hunted around and found ten or twelve Baptists in and around Como, and have gone to work to try to raise means to build a house to worship in. We recognize the need of a Baptist church here, but we are very few in number and all poor people, and we cannot do a thing without help from Baptist friends over the State.

After praying over the matter (that is, the need of a house to worship in), we have decided to ask different pastors to ask their members each one to give us a free will offering of ten cents. There is hardly a Baptist in the State that could not give this small amount for Christ's sake and never miss it, and thereby greatly assist us in this work. We are much interested in the work of our great denomination, and truly hope ere long Come will be right along in ranks helping the Baptists to advance the cause of Christ, both in home and foreign fields.

We have attempted great things for God, and we expect great things of God, for it is the Lord's work.

With brotherly love,
A. M. PATTERSON, JR.,
C. B. WILLIAMS,
Como, Miss., April 20, 1897.

An Appeal.

DEAR RECORD:—Will you please give me space in your valuable and much appreciated paper to state my wishes? Having been appointed a committee on subscription by Bay Springs Missionary Baptist church, in conference on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in April, 1897, we make this appeal to the Baptists of Mississippi for a little help to rebuild our church

cause of Christ on earth, to come to our help in this, the hour of our great need. We only ask a small amount from our brethren and sisters. We appeal especially to our first pastor, Bro. L. E. Hall for a little help—a kind word. Send all contributions by registered letter or postoffice money order to J. E. McDade, DeKalb, Kemper county, Miss.

Yours Sister in Christ,
MRS. M. J. MCDADE,
MISS ROSA MCDADE,
MISS LORA MCDADE,
Succarnoche, Miss.

OUR PREMIUM OFFER.

We have concluded to offer some premiums to the friends of our paper. THE BAPTIST RECORD ought to have 2,000 renewed and additional new subscribers before the summer is ended; and we have 2,000 gifts—one for each one who will send us the amount set opposite each premium.

HERE IS OUR OFFER.

1. To all new or paid-up subscribers who will send us \$2.50 between this time and July 1, 1897, we will send one copy of THE BAPTIST RECORD for one year, and one International Pronouncing Teacher's Bible, worth \$3.

2. Also to any as above described, who will send us \$2.25, we will send THE BAPTIST RECORD and "Graves' History of China," worth \$1.75.

3. Also to any as above mentioned, who will send us \$2.50, we will send either one of Dr. J. T. Christian's three great books, on "Immersion," "Close Communion," and "Americanism Against Romanism," or that other excellent book, "Did They Die?" and THE RECORD, for \$2.10, all in cloth binding, or in paper covers, for \$1.60.

4. Also to any as above mentioned, who will send us \$1.75, we will send THE BAPTIST RECORD for one year, and one copy of either of Dr. Gordon's two great works, that on the "Ministry of the Spirit," or "How Christ Came to Church."

5. Also to any as above mentioned, who will send us \$2.50, we will send THE BAPTIST RECORD for one year and one copy of the Mississippi Baptist Preachers by Bro. L. S. Foster. These are all most excellent books, and are put down at a figure far below what they can be bought for in any book store. Then we want to reach all of our friends with this generous offer and will therefore agree to duplicate any of these offers to any of our subscribers who are behind with us, if they will pay up old subscriptions to date, and then send the required amount in addition for another year.

NOW IS THE BEST TIME

To cure Catarrh quickly, surely and permanently. The cold air of winter attacks the cure—the warm air of summer favors it. Royal W. Blosson, M. D., who has devoted twenty-one years to the study of this disease has discovered a pleasant and sure way of curing it, by a remedy which is soaked in a valuable and much appreciated paper to state my wishes? Having been appointed a committee on subscription by Bay Springs Missionary Baptist church, in conference on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in April, 1897, we make this appeal to the Baptists of Mississippi for a little help to rebuild our church

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CHRONICLES.

A visit to Stone College, Shu-qualak, last week, was a pleasant affair. The Chronicle spent the Lord's Day there, but he did not travel on Sunday, neither going or returning. President Stone and his family were all quite well. The teachers and the girls in excellent spirits, and all looking forward to the approaching commencement, or, as the average American would say, "Closing exercises of the session."

We were pleased with the neat church, and delighted with the Sunday School. Prof. H. L. McCleskey is the courteous and faithful superintendent. There was a quietness about it that was restful and an earnestness that was encouraging. The pastor, Elder J. F. Bailey, took a very lively interest therein also, and followed the exercises with a pointed sermon. It was the Chronicle's first visit since 1847, when Elder Peter Crawford was pastor, and his own first public introduction to a congregation.

In the afternoon, at a gathering of the Sunbeams, the Chronicle by invitation made a short talk, following with a blackboard lecture. The Sunbeams are a faithful little band of about fifty members, with Miss Sallie Leslie Stone as president. Pastor Bailey had an appointment to fill about eight miles distant, but was back in time to preach to his charge again at night. We met a few friends of former days: the Misses Welsh, Sister Nunn, Brother and Sister Hubbard, and others.

Matters in Meridian progress quietly. Dr. Venable was back with his people last Sunday. Pastor David not only supplied his own pulpit at Fifteenth Ave., but in the afternoon went to Pleasant Hill. Elder R. S. Gavin preached most acceptably again at Forty-first Ave., morning and night. Pastor Rogers held his regular services at South Side as usual. Highland had a good Sunday School. The Sunday School at Georgetown chapel was fairly attended; and enjoyed the organ kindly furnished by Elder Gressett, and a supply of books, secured through a liberal contribution of Capt. W. W. George, of the First National Bank. A special meeting is in progress out there, with preaching every night. The outlook is hopeful.

That was a good meeting of Bro. O. D. Bowen at Ellisville. He had the help of Bro. W. F. Yarbrough, of Crystal Springs, who made full proof of his ministry and greatly endeared himself to the people. The immediate results were nineteen accessions to the church—eleven by baptism, five by letter, and three by statement. The church was greatly revived and Bro. Bowen and his people made happy.

We gratefully acknowledge the honor of the following invitation, and hope to have the pleasure of attending those interesting exercises:

"The Graduating Class of the Meridian Central High School. Request your presence at their Friday evening, May 31, '97, at 8 o'clock."

We thought that the Baptist Enquirer, whatever else might be said of it, stood for sound doctrine as to the true church of Christ in the world. But you can imagine our surprise when we read the following in its editorial columns:

"We wish to say that our individual opinion is, that there are other Christian churches outside of our own denomination, but in more or less disorder. We know not how to account for such an opinion on the part of our brother, unless it be that he has taken it up by absorption from association with our beloved Whittitt. No one, not even the author of the Appellation, ever put the 'church branch theory' in clearer light than the Enquirer editor does in the above quotation. The Baptist church polity is clearly outlined in the New Testament, and we are free to say that in our judgment if its organizations are justly entitled to be called gospel churches, then no other one in all of the whole variety, multiplicity and universality is sufficiently similar to them in gospel likeness to be called by that name. In a word, if the Baptist church is not the only and true church of the New Testament, then there is none. But since it is, then Christ has a church on earth, and one without forks, branches, approximates or annexes, and we beg our brother to reconsider his 'individual opinion.'"

Stone College Commencement.

Commencement Sermon, by Rev. J. H. Curry, D. D., Northport, Ala., May 30, 11 a. m.; at Baptist church.

Annual Grand Concert—May 30, 8 p. m., College Hall.

Class Essays and Recitations—June 1, 10 a. m., College Hall.

Graduating Exercises—June 1, p. m., College Hall.

Baccalaureate Address—Dr. J. L. Johnson, Duck Hill.

THE CLASS—THE MISTRESS OF ENGLISH COURSE.

Miss Anna Corbette Chalk, Meridian, Miss.

Miss Lillie Martha Hubbard, Shuqualak, Miss.

Miss Lillian Lyle, Meridian, Miss.

Miss Stella May Spinks, Edinburg, Miss.

Miss Edna Montgomery Stone, Shuqualak, Miss.

Miss Eliza Annison Taylor, Gainesville, Ala.

THE NORMAL COURSE.

Miss Mamie Bridges, Stafford, Miss.

Miss Catherine Bridges, Stafford, Miss.

Miss Mamie Lone Hodge, Heidelberg, Miss.

Hillman College Commencement.

PROGRAMME.

Baccalaureate Sermon, by Dr. E. C. Dargatz, Sunday, 11 a. m.

Final Recital—Monday, May 31, 8:30 p. m.

Commencement Exercises—Tuesday, June 1, 10 a. m.

Literary Address, by Dr. B. S. Terry—June 1, 8:30 p. m.

GRADUATING CLASS.

Caroline Livingston Ford, Canton, Miss.

Isabella Ratliff, Raymond, Miss.

Corrie Beulah Smith, Gloster, Miss.

Mary Emerson Thompson, Wilson, La.

Alinda Carter Timberlake, Clinton, Miss.

Commencement of Mississippi College.

PROGRAMME.

Debate Between Literary Societies—Saturday, May 29, 8:30 p. m.

Commencement Sermon—Rev. E. C. Dargatz, D. D., Sunday, May 30, at 11 a. m.

Missionary Sermon, by Rev. E. C. Dargatz, Sunday, May 30, 8:30 p. m.

Junior Contest—Monday, May 31, at 10:30 a. m.

Reunion of class of '77 with appropriate exercises—Tuesday, June 1, at 3 p. m.

Address Before Literary Societies—By Prof. Benjamin S. Terry, Ph. D., University of Chicago, Tuesday, June 1, at 8:30 p. m.

Graduating Exercises—Wednesday, June 2, at 10:30 a. m.

GRADUATING CLASS.

F. M. Bailey, E. Donnell, R. W. Hall, J. R. G. Hewitt, W. H. Horton, M. Latimer, E. N. Lee, M. McCullough, N. R. McCullough, C. H. Parsons, E. S. P. Pool, Jr., C. C. Stirling, E. W. Taylor, W. N. Taylor, J. H. Yenable.

We had hoped to get in more of the Convention report last week, but only the first day's proceedings reached us in time. We give the remainder this week. The object of Convention matter was compensated for by the excellent Convention Sermon, which we gave in full. We hope all read it. THE RECORD has been in endorsing the orthodoxy of that sermon.

The great event of the last month was the dedication of the Grant monument at New York. We of the South are not devoid of interest in the great pageant, though from a different incentive to those of the North. They see him only as the man who overcame the South in our late struggle. We see him more in the light of a great American, and therefore can, from patriotic principles, do honor to his memory. The main difference between us is that they see Grant alone, while we see Davis and Lee also as great specimens of American manhood. Truly we have a great nation.

A sad story comes to us from Longtown, out of the home of Bro. Watt Lister. Their dear little boy, Sidney Bryan, just eleven months old, has died from accidental poisoning. May the divine grace be sufficient for them in their great afflictions; and will not God's people join us in this prayer, that they may find shelter within the everlasting arms?

Program.

For fifth Sunday meeting of Bethelton Association, to meet with the Cherryville church, twelve miles east or southeast of Meridian on fifth Sunday, May 31, at 11 a. m. A prayer service led by Lot Parker.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. H. A. Pickard, D. D., of Lexington, Kentucky.

pers to family and church work. J. L. Williams, Rev. John Ellis, 3 Should churches retain in fellowship members, who engage in party plays, such as "charity" etc., or is it gospel order for the church to invite or allow such plays in His house?—J. D. Stone, W. C. Rogers, R. H. Shamburger, W. L. Brunson.

4 Importance of the members of the church, taking more interest in the public worship of the church—Josh. McEmore, J. R. Steinwinder, G. H. Walker.

Sunday School talk Sunday morning.

All are invited and requested to attend and take part in this service.

J. L. WILLIAMS, J. E. BRUNSON, Committee.

DIED.

Bro. P. P. Garrett, of Lawrence county, Miss., departed this life March 14, 1897. He was born near Sumpterville, South Carolina, June 3, 1831, and was at the time of his death nearly 66 years old. In 1847 he came with his parents to Jefferson county, Miss. When the civil war broke out, he enlisted and served faithfully on the side of the South. He was an ardent Southern man; he loved the South, its people, and its institutions. In 1864 he united with the Fair River Baptist church, and remained a member of that church until he died. He was married July 26, 1865, to Mrs. Mary Wilson, who still survives him. This union was a happy one. He and his faithful wife, who was also a member of the same church, and an earnest Christian worker, labored cheerfully together, not only in the common duties of life, but were earnest, zealous Christians. Bro. Garrett was a staunch Baptist. He believed Baptist principles and Baptist doctrines. He kept in perfect harmony with the cause of Christ. While he was not intolerant, yet he could not understand how any one who really loved Christ could be anything but a Baptist. He had many warm friends and some relatives who were of different religious persuasions, whom he loved with a true, manly devotion, and they loved him, and knew better than to oppose his religious views. He was faithful in all the relations of life. As soldier, citizen, neighbor, Christian and husband, he was true and devoted. He will be greatly missed. The country has lost one of its strongest and best citizens, the community one of its best neighbors, the church, its peace-maker and one of its most faithful members. But the blow falls heaviest upon his faithful and loving wife, who is now left in all the loneliness of widowhood. May the grace of God be her support in this great and sad bereavement. May the Lord raise up others to take his place in the community and in the church to which he was so much devoted. He was a true friend to his pastor, and gave not only of his means for his support, but by being present at all the meetings of the church, he greatly encouraged and strengthened him. He gave liberally of his means to objects of benevolence, and to the support of the cause of Christ. He had been afflicted for several months with Bright's Disease, before the end came. Yet he continued

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ited him several times during his sickness; prayed with him and conversed with him on the subject of death and the plan of salvation. He talked freely and calmly about these things, and gave abundant evidence of a firm and abiding hope in Christ. The end came, and the Lord's servant departed in peace. A large concourse of his brethren in Christ, friends and relatives gathered at the old church of which he was a member, and that he loved with such strong devotion, and the funeral services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by that old father in Israel, Rev. W. H. Bailey. The remains of our brother were then laid away in the beautifully kept burying-ground of Fair River church, there to await the resurrection morning.

PASTOR.

On the 19th of February, Mrs. Nannie Milton departed this life. She was born Jan. 15, 1838; aged 59 years. At the age of about 16 years she united with Christ's church at Thomastown, where she remained till a short while before her death. To know her was to love her. Her life was sweet and ennobled with Christ's influence, never complaining, but always enduring. She was a loving and affectionate mother, a devoted neighbor, and a consecrated Christian. She leaves two children and two brothers, with a host of friends, to mourn for her. Dear friends, weep not, for we shall meet her again in the bright beyond.

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BY PU Department.

Baptist Young People.

PROGRAMME.

First Baptist Church, the Baptist Young People's Union, will hold its regular meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention, which was called to order by the president, Rev. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who presented Rev. Oscar Haywood, of West Point, Miss., to conduct the devotional exercises. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," Dr. H. W. Tribble, of Charlottesville, Va., prayed, and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung; then Rev. M. D. Emery, of Memphis, Tenn., led in prayer. "Stand Up For Jesus" was sung, and Rev. Oscar Haywood read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, and also a part of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Bro. Haywood made brief, expository remarks as he read, and closed by emphasizing the blessedness of obeying God. Rev. Baron D. Gray, of Birmingham, Ala., prayed, and "Oh For a Closer Walk With God" was sung.

Rev. John Williams Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N. C., spoke a welcome: "I am grateful for the honor and proud of the privilege of tendering a welcome on behalf of the great Baptist brotherhood of North Carolina to the great Baptist Young People's Union auxiliary. It is not in me to express half the warmth of the welcome in their hearts."

"We are glad you have come to North Carolina. We have looked for you from afar—from the North and the West and the South. You have come to the greatest Baptist State of them all, in which the Baptists number more than all other denominations beside. May this be a source of strength to you."

As the grand officers of the great Convention which will convene to-morrow, let us regard ourselves as weary, indeed, forerunners of a still greater Convention of which we shall be parts in the years to come. We are gathered with the one aim of making the achievements of our Southern Baptist Convention, great as they have been, greater, far greater, in our day and generation.

"Brethren and friends, North Carolina is with you, heart and soul. She welcomes you; she is at your command."

Bro. Geo. E. Leftwich, of Wilmington, said: "After listening to our talented and beloved brother, I feel like a friend who went with another before a committee to plead a cause. After the plea was made, he said, 'I enjoyed that so well, and he has covered the field so fully that I can only say that I heartily endorse him.'"

"Yet I would be false to my personal feeling, and to those I represent, if I did not add a word of welcome to our city. In behalf of the people and Christians of Wilmington, with outstretched hands, I welcome you. Come to our homes; you will bring down a benediction of blessings. Go on with your good work till your greater meetings in 1898; many

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to the words of welcome, say:

"Speaking for the visitors, permit me to say that we are glad that you are glad. Besides gratitude for your cordial welcome, we have the expectation of better favors to be received. This young people's movement is the close of the first century shaking hands with the nineteenth century—the oldest and the newest Christian thought. This young people's movement is a great thought; it should be extended. We should go home and teach it to our little ones. I plead with you to take this as the key-thought of the century: plant the kingdom of God in every human heart. But let me thank you for your rich hospitality. If other delegates have been greeted as I have been, we feel like we own Wilmington. For your open doors and wide-open hearts we thank you. May God bless you in every way."

Bro. John T. Pullen, a layman of North Carolina, spoke on Personal Consecration.

Rev. C. S. Gardiner, S. C., spoke on the Baptist Young People's Union as a school for training leaders.

Rev. Joseph S. Felix, of Virginia, took the chair and called for Rev. F. L. Wilkins and E. E. Chivers, the former ex-secretary and the latter present secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of America.

Dr. Wilkins, who is pastor pro tem of Brantly Memorial church, Baltimore, congratulated the Union on standing up with four million Baptists, representing twelve million population in America, whose gifts to higher education is forty million dollars more than the gifts of all other Protestants combined. He closed by saying, "The catechism and creed are on the dusty shelf. The Young People's Union has brought the Bible to the fore and laid these aside as relics."

Dr. E. E. Chivers, of Chicago, brought the greetings of his great body and expressed his great gratification at his reception in the South; he reminded him of apostolic times. "They had all things in common." He concluded by detailing some striking features of the young people's work. Never more needed than to-day.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, T. J. Stark, on April 8, Mr. Mark C. Weatherall and Miss Sallie Stark, all of Pontotoc county; R. A. Cooper officiating.

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The Southern Railway has on sale from all of its principal stations, tickets to Nashville and return at very low rates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

By W. F. Yarbrough.

MAY 20, 1897.

SUBJECT: *Christian Faith Leads to Good Works.* James 2:14-26.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I will show thee my faith by my works.* James 2:18.

INTRODUCTORY.

We can claim nothing with certainty as to the date and authorship of this epistle. It was most probably written just prior to the conference at Jerusalem, before the Christian Jews had withdrawn from the worship of the synagogue, and before they had become thoroughly Christianized. This is borne out by various allusions to peculiar Jewish opinions and practices. At this time the Jews were suffering many things because of their insurrection against Roman authority. This is in keeping with the writer's exhortation to patient endurance amid the trials of life. The author was either James the son of Alphaeus, one of the twelve, or James the brother of Jesus. The evidence is more in favor of the latter. The lesson is the classic passage of Armenian theology, and is considered by many as a contradiction or a modification of Paul's doctrine of salvation by grace. This idea of disagreement seems never to have been real until Luther's time. The Reformer called it "rightaway epistle."

When we come to understand both writers and realize that they are viewing the same truth from different standpoints, and using words in different senses, the apparent disagreement fades away. We can let us be sure of any instance of James' use of the words "faith," "works," and "justify," and much of the difficulty of harmonizing him with Paul will disappear.

EXPLANATION.

1. *James' Profession.* 14-17.

Faith without works is profitless. (14) The form of the question indicates a strong negative answer. It is as if the writer had said the faith that a man professes is worthless without corresponding works. The rendering of R. V. "that faith" is more in keeping with the original and indicates a particular kind of faith, viz: that which goes no further than profession of creed. Such faith has no saving virtue. It will be well for us to remember that James is writing to people who have long professed faith, but who have not shown the fruits of their faith.

Actions speak louder than words. (15, 16) For fear the principle may be misunderstood, the writer gives a practical test. The faith which works by love will have more empty words for the brother in need. Unless faith can go beyond a mere wish it is worthless. This example of the working of faith throws a great deal of light on what James means by works. It is evident that he means practical godliness manifesting itself in piety and benevolence.

Faith without works is dead in itself. (17) The writer here states his conclusion that the faith above described, is dead in itself, i. e., it is incapable of producing the fruits of life. (18) In reality it amounts to nothing but a mere profession.

2. *James' Profession.* 18-26.

Faith without works is barren. (19) It is uncertain whether James means verse 19 as the language of the objector—or of himself. The general meaning is the same. He takes a fundamental tenet of both Jewish and Christian religion, viz., that God is one, and says that they do well to believe in monotheism, or the unity of God, but that the devils believe as much and shudder when they consider this truth; yet its mere theoretical belief produces no practical effect. Faith "must be a consent of the heart," as well as "an assent of the mind." Dogma is good in itself, but not by itself.

Faith apart from works is barren. (20) The same conclusion as in verse 17 has been reached by another path, though a different word is used to describe faith. He had said before that a mere profession of faith amounted only to dead faith; he now says that creed without conduct is ineffective or barren since it shows no fruit. The word dead was substituted for barren in verse 20 by copyists, because it occurred in verse 17.

III. A Striking Illustration.

21-23.

Faith interpreted by action. (21) In these verses the writer is using the same illustration that Paul uses in Romans 4, but for a different purpose. The case of Abraham has no doubt in frequent use by Jewish and Christian teachers. The mere use of him as an illustration is no evidence that either Paul or James were acquainted with the writings of the other. True, there is an apparent contradiction between verse 24, and Romans 3:28, but it is only apparent since the writers are occupying different points of view. The unity will lose an estimable general meaning of justification, family, dear friends and good i. e., to reckon as just, is the citizens in their going from us same in both cases, but Paul is treating of justification in its initial process, while James looks at it as a continuous or permanent condition. Justification in its inceptive state is by rest upon them.

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STUDY TOPICS—Kreger, the African Pariah, and his Protest; the African Republic; The African and his return to the home land; Africans like ancient Athenians; too superstitious; Excess in African religion; a more hopeful state than Chinese indifference; or Japanese rationalism.

We give most of our space this week to an account of the Woman's Meeting at Wilmington, as we are sure it will be of great interest to all the sisters of the State. As we wish to give it in full, and have not room, we will continue it until next week. Mississippi was well represented at the meeting, and had an excellent report of the work accomplished during the conventional year.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Ninth Annual Session Held in Wilmington, N. C.

The First Presbyterian church having been kindly tendered to the Southern Baptist Convention, was made ready and beautifully decorated for the use of the Baptist Missionary Union.

The president, Miss Fannie E. Heck of Raleigh, N. C., being present, the meeting was called to order by her at 9:30 o'clock. Miss Annie E. Armstrong, of Baltimore, corresponding secretary, was at her post. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn beginning—

"We give thanks to thee, O God, who dost restore to us."

Mrs. Wm. P. Oldham, of Wilmington, then read the 24th Psalm, and also a few verses from the 24th chapter of the Gospel by Luke, and alluded to the mission of women in spreading the glad tidings of a Savior's resurrection, and led in a tender prayer for the blessing of God on the meeting. Thirty minutes of devotion exercises followed.

Mrs. C. E. Stevenson, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Wilmington, made the address of welcome as follows: Miss President, Officers and Ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union.

"We greet you to-day with cordial greetings. We welcome you to our dear Old North State, to our beautiful city by the sea, to our hearts and homes, our tenderest of South Carolina churches, and all the pleasures, both temporal and spiritual, which we find within our reach. We pray for God's blessing on this session of welcome given in the homes of the Southern Baptist Convention, and that this term of the year be a work of strength in the Lord and in his might."

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"My parents being Tar Heels, my childish imagination was constantly strained to picture to my wondering mind the glorious charms of North Carolina and the boundless goodness of her people, until there was only one reflection left to console my patriotic heart—Texas was the best."

"A few years later, the kindness of teachers in dear old Peace Institute, and the prodigious indulgence of friends and kinsfolk, heightened and deepened this impression in a school girl's lively fancy and enthusiastic soul. And now to crown it all, has come this delightful visit."

"Among the many reasons that we are glad to meet here, I might mention the fact that this is the most 'Baptist' State in the Union. I hear that 20 per cent of its population is Baptist—not a surprising fact, for who could be expected to stick to the faith once delivered to the saints, if not the 'Tar Heels'?"

"Again, this State not only has the largest number of missionaries in the field to-day, but is the pioneer in missionary work, being the home of the illustrious Yates, the founder of modern missions. And who can call this name in an assemblage of women without remembering that his brilliant success, under God's blessing, was largely due to the intelligent co-operation of his devoted wife—a memory you daughters of North Carolina have done well to perpetuate in the establishment of a permanent fund to keep a Yates missionary in the field."

"That this State is the home of our beloved president, daughter of one who offered the Baptist hosts of North Carolina in plans and deeds for others' good. A woman whose wisdom and tact in her home-work has placed her in the high position she so nobly fills. A leader whose voice and pen have been so generous that all friends of missions, and the children's bands especially, should rise up and call her blessed. Here, on her native soil, we greet her, with resolve to obey her behests, and to second with enthusiasm her efforts for the cause of missions."

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Miss Armstrong, corresponding secretary, read the report of the treasurer.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Baltimore, Md. April 30, 1897.

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1896 April 30th, to balance per annual report	\$ 110.67
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February 23rd, to amount received from foreign board S. B. C.	250.00
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